

Subject:MAF Expansion Details

Date:Tue, 24 Jul 2007 16:40:48 -0400

From:John Pruette

To:More at Four Fiscal Contacts, More at Four Program, More at Four Administrator

In follow-up to my email on Friday, July 20 about expansion of More at Four for SFY 2007-08, I am pleased to announce that **this expansion includes significant increases in funding per child served**, in addition to the funding to serve 10,000 more children statewide. To assist you in planning, details of this expansion are as follows:

- **Slot Rate Increase** - For each existing and expansion slot, every county/region contractor will receive a **\$400 per year** (\$40 a month for 10 months) increase above your current slot rate. Today, the Office of School Readiness (OSR) will take the necessary steps to increase each contractor's slot payment rate (Total Operating Funds Allocated).
- **Start-up Funds** - For each expansion slot awarded, every county/region contractor will receive the standard **\$500 in one-time start-up funds**.

This is the most significant slot rate increase (**10%**) for More at Four slots to date and one that is essential to serving more children statewide and providing the resources necessary for local providers to meet More at Four's high-quality standards.

As a reminder, your County/Region More at Four Committee may choose to differentiate slot rate and start-up funding among your sub-contractors and providers. This new infusion of funding should open new opportunities to make strategic decisions locally about funding to your different providers to ensure that you are able to operate high-quality More at Four programs in a variety of settings, including child care, Head Start, and public schools.

Finally, **contractors that have already submitted a request for expansion slots will be notified of their awards through a separate email from the OSR. Also, each contractor will soon receive a contract amendment reflecting the increase in operating funds for slots currently included in the 07-08 plan.** As always, according to NC contract terms and conditions and stated in your executed contract, all contract funding is subject to availability.

Thank you for what you do for North Carolina's children.

John R. Pruette, Executive Director
Office of School Readiness
NC Department of Public Instruction
2075 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2075